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REMARKS

Claims 1-16 and 23-36 have been elected *without traverse*. Due to their dependence on non-elected claims, claims 32-34 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, as have non-elected claims 17-22. No new matter has been added.

All claims are believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice thereof is earnestly solicited.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 245402004400. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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